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SUBJECT: EVCUATION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

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1. I CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER LEE AND OUTLINED SUBSTANCE REF MSG. AND DELIVERED AIDE-MEMOIRE. HE THOUGHT IT WAS PROBABLY TOO LATE TO BE HELPFUL, BUT SAID "OF COURSE WE'LL DO WHAT WE CAN." HE IMMEDIATELY SUMMONED S.R. NATHAN, PERM, SEC. OF DEFENSE MINISTRY, TO COORDINATE EFFORT. BEST CHANCE IS TO LOCATE SINGAPORE COMMERCIAL VESSELS IN AREA WHICH MIGHT BE DIVERED. THEY WILL LOOK INTO THIS POSSIBILITY IMMEDIATELY. I URGED PM CONSIDER SENDING LSTS (THEY HAVE THREE) SINCE PROBLEM OF RELOCATING REFUGEES WILL PROBABLY TAKE CONSIDERABLE TIME AND I FELT THEY COULD GET THERE IN TIME TO BE VERY USEFUL. HE AGREED CONSIDER LSTS BUT THOUGHT WOULD TAKE TOO LONG TO GET THEM TO AREA. THEY WILL ALSO CONSIDER USE OF AIRCRAFT, BUT PM SAID HE THOUGHT THAT PROBABLY TOO RISKY.

2. GOS NEEDS KNOW URGENTLY WHAT PORTS AND AIRFIELDS ARE SERVICEABLE AND SAFE AND HOW THIS EFFORT IS TO BE COORDINATED. PM AND NATHAN REALIZE IMPORTANCE OF MOVING QUICKLY AND MAY BE ABLE TAKE SOME ACTION OVER WEEKEND IF THEY KNOW MORE ABOUT DETAILS AT OTHER END. REQUEST IMMEDIATE RESPONSE.

3. PM MENTIONED COSTS AND I MADE IT CLEAR EACH GOVERNMENT WAS EXPECTED BEAR OWN COSTS. HE DID NOT OBJECT TO THAT.
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